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WEATHER REPORT.
Cloudy tonight; fair tomorrow.
Tomorrow high tides: 4:50 a. m.
and 5:21 p. m.

WANT A NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Representatives of all Classes
Argue For Another
Structure.

MAKE EARNEST PLEAS

Proceedings Enlivened by Frank
Spink's Reply to Julian Y. Wil-
liam's Interruption.

The joint committee on schools and finance met last night in the Chamber of the Common Council for the purpose of hearing statements from representatives of the different organizations of the city which are urging the erection at the earliest moment of a new high school building. Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Retail Merchants, fraternal and labor organizations, the church, etc., were present, as well as several ladies who are interested in the movement.

The committee entered the chamber shortly after eight o'clock and when the chairman, Alderman Henry K. Field, called the assembly to order the enclosure outside the bar was densely packed and every seat on the floor occupied.

Mr. Field announced that the committees were ready to hear statements from those present, and Rev. W. J. Morton, rector of Christ Church, arose. He said he was present for the good of the community as well as in the interest of humanity, as education, was most important in life's contests as well as in the competition to which the present generation is subjected. Alexandria, he said, was regarded as the cradle of public schools in Virginia, such an institution having been founded in an old building twice condemned in recent years by grand juries. He alleged that the congested condition in this old structure rendered it unfit for the purposes for which it is being used, and said one of his children contracted a skin disease in this building. Mr. Morton charged that Alexandria was fifty years behind in public schools in Virginia, and that the University of Virginia did not recognize our system.

Mr. Morton received a round of applause at the close of his remarks.

Mr. Field extended an invitation to any of the ladies present to make any suggestions they might deem proper, when Mrs. John Leadbeater, arose. Among other things she said she was the mother of five children, and was considering the advisability of moving to Washington in order that they might secure suitable education. She, however, preferred to remain in Alexandria, but realized the importance of her children being properly tutored.

H. T. Colvin, of the Alexandria Trades Council was the next speaker. He said the meeting had been called at the instance of the organizations embraced in the Alexandria Trades

Council, Daughters of America, Macabees, Owls, Junior Order American Mechanics and other organizations, embracing two thousand men, who with their families formed one-half of the population of the city. He said a majority of the children who attended public schools are the offspring of working men. He referred to the congested condition of the old building adjoining Washington School, and read statistics of the school population, number of students, etc., which had been furnished him by the clerk of the City School Board. Among other things he said, a demand should be made upon the city for a new building. The speaker said he had no plan to submit as to the financing of the movement, but was satisfied the City Council was able to handle that end of it.

Mr. Colvin, at the conclusion of his remarks, which brought forth much applause introduced President J. W. Collins, of the Alexandria Trades Council. Mr. Collins said the organization over which he presided embraced eighteen branches of organized labor, and he spoke for a few minutes on lines similar to those followed by the preceding speaker. He said organized labor was here to stay.

R. M. Pertyman, of the Black-

smith's Union, was the next speaker. He urged the necessity of greater school facilities. He said he knew nothing about finances, but that problem could be handled by Council.

Mr. Colvin then introduced Geo. K. Bender, who represented the Order of the Fraternal Americans. His remarks were brief and on the lines followed by the preceding speakers.

Mr. Colvin called upon C. A. Bladen of the Macabees, who made a lengthy appeal in behalf of more extensive educational facilities. He said there should be a building erected containing sixteen rooms and an assembly hall, and nothing else would be acceptable to the petitioners.

After Mr. Bladen had taken his seat Mr. Colvin said other persons representing different organizations were present, who, it was intended to call upon for speeches, but as people identified with other organizations were present who might desire to make statements in behalf of better schools, the organizations he represented would give them a chance to be heard.

George D. Hopkins, of the Chamber of Commerce, subsequently took the floor. He said seventy-five per cent. of the taxes collected in this city was paid by the organization he represented, and this organization heartily endorsed the movement for the erection of a new high school building. The buildings which had been condemned by grand juries should be vacated and others built. He saw no reason why Council could not handle the financial end, as it had spent \$5,000 recently to enable lawyers to chase railroads.

R. E. Knight, of the Retail Merchants' Association, followed Mr. Hopkins. He alleged that the chief educational institutions of the state do not recognize the education received by Alexandrians as qualifying them for higher branches of tuition, and said he had received telegrams concerning the low standard of an education received in the public schools of this city. He charged that boys could not be prepared for the University of Virginia in this city.

At this juncture Councilman Spink asked certain pertinent questions concerning our schools and the large amount of money spent yearly for the maintenance of the same. Among other things he called attention to the fact that Alexandria is spending twice as much yearly for schools as it did several years ago. He also referred to the new building in recent years.

W. H. Sweeney, Superintendent of Public Schools, in answer to Mr. Knight's charges, said that the University of Virginia made greater demands upon would-be pupils than it did in former years. Alexandria, he stated, had adopted studies required by the State Board of Education. Under prevailing conditions the accredited list must be examined by some representative of the University of Virginia. A few years ago, he said any young man could enter the University. Now a uniform course of study with the requisite units were required by the state.

Carroll Pierce, of the School Board, subsequently spoke of the need of better school facilities.

Mr. Pierce was followed by L. Ruben, of the Retail Merchants' Association. Among other things he said our present school facilities were unsatisfactory and liable to keep people away from Alexandria.

Councilman Spink later returned to the chamber when considerable pleasantry followed queries he propounded to different speakers.

Mr. Spink having again obtained the floor, he said he had been a member of Council fourteen years, during which time he had conscientiously endeavored to do his duty towards those who had from year to year elected him. He had always stood by the working man, and one occasion when the latter's interests were involved he was one out of fifteen to stand by the sons of toil. He had at that time paid the costs of an injunction out of his own pocket. The public schools were costing about \$100,000 more at the present time than when he entered Council, but he had always favored maintaining public schools in the best manner possible.

Councilman Leadbeater arose and started to speak in substance, that the joint committee had met in order to listen to petitioners in the interests of public schools and not to listen to political speeches.

Chairman Field asked if any other person desired to speak, and all who had anything to say having subsided, he declared the conference adjourned.

NATIONAL COUNCIL GUESTS OF CITY

Entertainments Given in
Honor of Distinguished
Women.

MEETINGS AT TRINITY.

Large Audience Hears Three Dis-
tinguished Women Speak on Vital
Topics Last Night.

The closing session in Alexandria of the National Council of Women will be held tonight when Senator John D. Works, of California, Dr. Anna Garlin Spencer, of New York and Mrs. Dr. Bower, of Michigan, will be the speakers. The latter will have as her subject "Fraternal Organizations." The delegates will be given an automobile ride this afternoon when they will be taken to the Theological Seminary. From 5 to 7 o'clock this afternoon a reception will be tendered them by Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, president of the Council.

Supper at Lee Camp Hall.

One of the most beautiful and enjoyable suppers ever given in Alexandria was that tendered last evening at 6:30 o'clock at Lee Camp Hall complimentary to the National Council of Women. The parlors of the Hall never looked prettier. The color scheme was yellow and green. The rooms were effectively decorated in palms and yellow jonquils. A center piece of yellow jonquils and silver candelabra with yellow shades adorned each table. Before the courses were served Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, President of the National Council of Women, requested Rev. P. P. Phillips to invoke the blessing after which the menu, deliciously prepared, was served.

When the appetizing viands had been discussed delightful impromptu speeches were made by the following ladies: Mrs. Mae Wright Sewall, Miss Sadie American, Dr. Bower and Dr. Anna Howard Shaw.

Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett then expressed her thanks to the ladies who had worked so earnestly to make the affair a success and who had given such a hospitable reception to the National Council of Women.

Too much praise cannot be given to Mrs. Lyeurgus E. Uhler, chairman of the committee of ladies having the affair in charge. It was largely through her efforts that such a handsome and elaborate supper was given.

Those assisting in serving were Mrs. Emmett C. Dunn, Mrs. C. William Wattle, Mrs. Louise C. Scott, Mrs. Robert S. Barrett, Mrs. Henry S. Wattle, Mrs. Herbert Oliver, Mrs. Isaac Gregg, Mrs. William Jorg, Mrs. Taylor Burke, Mrs. George French, Miss Hackett, Miss Mary Carlin, Miss Julia Nicol and Miss Lila Barrett.

Last Night's Meeting.

Never has an Alexandria audience had the opportunity of hearing three as brilliant and logical speakers as the three women who addressed the meeting at Trinity Church last night. Miss Julia Lathrop, Chief of the Children's Bureau, Miss Sadie American, of New York, and Mrs. Mae Wright Sewall, of Berkeley, Cal., were the speakers of the evening and they charmed the large audience which had gathered to hear them.

Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, president of the Council presided, and after a few introductory remarks by Rev. G. A. Luttrell, pastor of the church, Judge C. E. Nicol, welcomed the visitors to Alexandria. Rev. W. J. Morton, of Christ Church, pronounced the benediction at the close of the meeting.

Miss Lathrop, told of the work which was being done by the Children's Bureau in securing definite information in reference to the children of America. A large part of her discourse was given up to a plea for the more accurate keeping of vital statistics. "Only one out of every four persons in our country, exists according to the birth statistics," said Miss Lathrop.

The speaker told of the new law which had just gone into effect in Virginia, requiring the registration of births and deaths, which she said

would put this state among those which had taken an advanced position in this direction.

Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, president of the Council, pledged the National Woman's Association to advocate the appropriation of sufficient funds for the most efficient administration of the Children's Bureau.

Miss Sadie American, executive secretary of the National Council of Jewish Women, spoke on "Our Immigrants." "We are all immigrants," she began. "Today there is no such thing as a foreign population."

"Today all over the civilized world great masses of women are migrating," Miss American continued. "They range in age from sixteen to twenty-nine years. More than 10,000 girls are looked after annually by the society with which I am connected."

Mrs. Mae Wright Sewall, of Berkeley, Va., honorary president of the International Council of Women, was the last speaker of the evening. Her subject was "Peace and Arbitration." She narrated in her opening remarks what has been done by both the National and International Council of Women, the object being to become better acquainted with the customs and beliefs of the people of other nations. After eleven years, she said, this work was accomplished with the organization of the international council, which is now working assiduously in behalf of peace and arbitration.

POLICE COURT

(Justice H. B. Caton, Presiding.)

John E. Tribble, charged with bigamy, held for Manassas authorities. Daniel Kelly, Ed. Cushion and Frank Tuttle, charged with disorderly conduct were released on their promise to leave town.

Lizzie Fleming, colored, assault on Claudine Martin, fined \$5.

Herbert Willis, colored, assault on Maud Berry, had his case continued 10 days.

John Courtney and Alice Courtney, colored, charged with disorderly conduct, dismissed.

Edward Paladca, charged with keeping a dog not properly muzzled, fined \$5.

D. A. R. ELECTION.

After a second ballot yesterday in which Mrs. Story, the anti-administration candidate came within six votes of receiving a majority, the situation in the election of officers for the D. A. R., was somewhat cleared this morning by the withdrawal of Mrs. Charles B. Bryan, of Tennessee.

The withdrawal of Mrs. Bryan indicates the election of Mrs. Story today. Balloting commenced at ten o'clock and will be concluded tonight.

The women are tired and anxious to go home.

RECEPTION TO MINISTER.

Rev. C. R. Strausburg Tendered Ovation Last Night.

The congregation of the Methodist Protestant Church last night tendered Rev. C. R. Strausburg, pastor a reception at that church in honor of his re-appointment as pastor. Rev. G. A. Luttrell, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, delivered a welcoming address on behalf of the Ministerial Association of the city.

Mr. Strausburg responded in a feeling manner, an stated that the entire affair was a complete surprise to him, as he had accepted an invitation to spend the evening with a member of his congregation, who afterwards conducted him to the church. The following program of exercises followed:

Recitation, J. Fred Birrell; recitation, Miss Pollard; recitation, Miss Caroline West; address on behalf of the congregation, John H. Trimyer; address on behalf of the Sunday school, Fred Ehardt; address on behalf of the Christian Endeavor Society, Norman Roberts; address on behalf of the Bible class, Roger Sullivan.

Mrs. Strausburg was presented by the church with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, and the Ladies' Society presented Mr. Strausburg with a handsome basket of fruit.

Delicious deviled crabs served hot 12 noon and 6 p.m., daily, also baked to order at Rammel Cafe.

WOMEN FORTIFIED IN A MONUMENT

Suffragette Literature and
Missiles Hurlled From
High Perch.

SHOUTS ARE DROWNED

Pure Billingsgate Used by Angry
Fish Dealers Whose Business Was
Being Interrupted by Militants.

London, April 18.—For several hours today militant suffragettes withstood a siege in the Billingsgate monument, which they captured by strategy and rained suffrage literature and missiles on the heads of the angry crowds below stopping all traffic and interfering with the business of the fish merchants whose stands are in the street.

The mob composed largely of vendors and inhabitants of Billingsgate, drowned the shouts or the militants for "Votes for Women" and "Victory or Death" with language for which they are world famous cursing the police as much as the women for allowing the monument to be captured.

One infuriated fish merchant attempted to force his way up a small spiral staircase with the intention of ejecting the women. The suffragettes hurled lead pellets and other missiles upon him until he was forced to retreat.

By this time the streets were blocked for several squares around, and the police reserves and fire departments were called out. At one time the authorities considered scyrling for royal troops.

When the police arrived they attempted to scale the small staircase, protecting their heads with improvised shields. The women hurled missiles upon them, and declared their intention not to leave the monument. One vowed that she would throw herself into the street if the police tried to eject her.

For a while the determination balked the officers, and they tried to hold a peace conference and negotiate terms, but this, too, proved useless.

At last police united in a rush, and each grabbed a woman and tried to drag her to the street. The women screamed, bit, scratched, and did everything in their power to free themselves, acting up to the name which has been given them, of "the wild women."

The women's dresses were torn and the police were battle scarred when they reached the street. The suffragettes were hysterical with rage. When they reached the street it was necessary for the bystanders to lend the police a hand.

Three suffragettes are still holding their own on the top of the monument, and another assault is being planned. If this fails, the only thing left to do will be to lay siege to the stronghold. The women declare they will never be taken from their stations alive.

The women were taken to court, but as no charges could be brought against them, they were discharged.

POPE STILL IMPROVING.

Pontiff Passes Tranquil Night—Talks With Sisters.

Rome, April 18.—Pope Pius was said to be much improved today following a night in which he slept tranquilly, except when disturbed by coughing.

Prof. Marchiafava and Dr. Amici, on their first visit of the day issued the following bulletin:

"The Holy Father passed a tranquil night, and today there is no fever. His temperature is 97.8. The bronchial affection has been ameliorated and his general condition is improved."

By noon the Pope had chatted with his sisters, Maria and Anna Sarto.

Mrs. "Matt" Muze, a negress was lynched yesterday at Strader, Miss. by a mob of negro men after she had murdered her husband by nearly cutting his head off with a razor. The woman sang a hymn as she was being put to death.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

An official appeal was made yesterday by the Chinese government to all the Christian churches in China to set aside April 27 as a day for prayer that China may be guided to a wise solution of the critical problems besetting her. The appeal was distributed broadcast by telegraph to the governors and high officials within whose jurisdiction Christian communities are to be found. It was also sent to the leaders of the various missions. Prayer was requested for the national assembly, for the new government, for the president of the republic, who is yet to be elected; for the constitution of the republic, for the recognition of the republic by the powers for the maintenance of peace, and for election of strong and virtuous men for office. The representatives of the provincial authorities are instructed to attend the services.

With the announcement yesterday of his approval of the sentence of the court which dismissed Midshipman James C. Cook from the naval Academy for hazing, Secretary Daniels sent a letter to every midshipman at Annapolis warning him that hereafter that no leniency will be shown hazers, who, in addition to being dismissed, will receive the additional penalty of imprisonment, as provided by law.

At the conclusion of today's session of the coroner's jury investigating the death of George Dietz, the wealthy woman's tailor, of Chicago, who was murdered in his room Sunday night by hammer blows, the coroner's jury ordered Mrs. Dietz and George Nurnberg, who admitted that he was her admirer, held for the murder.

Lieutenant Argyriopoulos a Greek aviator, and a passenger, Constantinos Manos, a noted Cretan chief, were killed yesterday near Salonika by a fall of an aeroplane from a height of 2,000 feet.

Bodies hang from nearly every telegraph pole along 50 miles of the Mexican Central Railway below Chihuahua city, report refugees arriving at El Paso, Texas. Both the federalists and insurgent state troops are said to have participated in the execution of prisoners.

Allegations that warehouse receipts for 500 bales of cotton placed as collateral for a loan of \$25,000 made to the Martin-Phillips Company, of Memphis, of which Joseph W. Martin, missing from London, is president, have been pronounced forgeries by the warehouse man, are made in a bill filed in chancery yesterday by attorneys representing the Fourth National Bank of New York. Garnishment against an estate in which Martin is interested is asked.

Three firemen were killed and a dozen others were seriously, some probably fatally injured last night, when they were buried beneath a falling wall at a fire which destroyed the five-story candy factory of W. T. Westcott, near the center of Philadelphia.

"I killed Mildred Donovan. That was only one of many murders that I committed. That is all I have to say. What do you think of that?" This confession was uttered from the dock in the superior criminal court in Boston yesterday by William B. Jennings, known in the prize ring as "Young Kid Carter," just after he had been found guilty of killing William H. MacPherson, a bartender, on New Year's day, and had been sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Two young men, one of whom, according to the police, with match in hand, was about to light a bomb in the hallway of an East Side New York tenement, were arrested late last night by detectives, who had secreted themselves in the hallway. The prisoners, both foreigners, were immediately subjected to a grilling process in the hope that they possibly would pur the police on a trail that would lead to the breaking up of the Black Hand gangs that have set off nearly 60 bombs in this city since the first of the year.

FOR RENT.—Store and dwelling 424 King street. Inquire at 607 Prince street. Possession given June 1, 1913.

QUESTION OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

Young Ministers Refuse to
Affirm Faith in Virgin
Birth.

PROTEST IS FILED.

Presbyterians Stirred by Action of
New York Presbytery in Ordaining
Candidates.

New York, April 18.—A New York Presbytery committee has made public a protest against the Presbytery's action last Monday in making Presbyterian ministers out of Tertius Vanduyke, a son of Dr. Henry Vanduyke; Philip S. Bird, Chalmers Holbrook and John A. Murray, all recent graduates of Union Theological seminary. The committee also made public its reply to the protest. The dispute grows out of examinations of these young men upon their belief in the virgin birth of Christ, the resurrection and the authenticity of the fourth gospel.

The protest signed by Doctors John Fox and Henry M. Tynard and Elder John A. Park, is answered by Drs. Henry Sloan Coffin and Jesse F. Forbes, the clerk. The protesters said that the young men showed unmistakably that they did not accept the historical reliability of either the Old or New Testament. Also that they refused to affirm their faith in the virgin birth of Christ, as related in the gospels of Luke and Matthew or in the raising of Lazarus from the dead, as related in the gospel of John.

The Presbytery committee replies that the candidates declared they accepted both testaments as the rule of faith and practice, and that they believed in a God able to work miracles; regarding some miracles in the Bible which are the subject of dispute, they felt themselves not enough enlightened to come to conclusions.

It is said that the protest will be carried to the General Assembly meeting in Atlanta on May 14th.

RECEIVERS NAMED.

Judge J. B. T. Thornton, in Manassas, this morning, appointed Carroll Pierce, vice-president of the Citizens' National Bank, and Leo P. Harlow receivers for the Emerson Engine Company, of this city. Three applications for receivers were made. The first of Central Metal Co., the Alexandria County Lighting Co., and Motor Boating. The second was made yesterday by Robert T. Weaver and R. H. Goldsborough, of Washington, the former treasurer and superintendent of the company, and the latter a director, and the third was filed this morning in Manassas, by Howard W. Smith, representing Victor E. Emerson, president and Henry E. Jenkins, secretary of the company.

LEGISLATIVE PRIMARY.

Call For Joint Meeting of Democratic Committee Out Soon.

A call will be issued next week for a joint meeting of the city and county Democratic committee to fix a date for a primary for nominating a candidate for the state legislature to represent this city and Alexandria county.

There are two candidates for the office thus far—J. Fred Birrell, member of the City Council from the Third ward, and Major E. W. R. Ewing, of Ballston, Alexandria county.

Under the provisions of the new primary law the candidates must file notice of their candidacy sixty days prior to the time fixed for the primary. Robinson Moncreux of this city, is the present delegate in the state legislature from this city and county. He will not be a candidate for re-election.

Hard shell crabs at Rammel's Cafe.